



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

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COW2013000752

Shawn Musgrave  
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Dear Shawn Musgrave:

We received your request for information relating to USCIS FOIA manual on October 04, 2013.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2013000752. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the simple track (Track 1). You specifically requested Specific Doc Information. If you would like a copy of all your records, please send a written request to the address above, otherwise you will only receive the documents specified.

In your request, you seek a fee waiver. Under the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) fee waiver standard, 5 U.S.C § 552 (a)(4)(iii), two requirements must be met prior to a grant of a fee waiver. As stated, documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established, where the requester has demonstrated that:

- (1) disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and
- (2) disclosure is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.
- (3) Because MuckRock charges to file FOIA requests as stated on your website, we will be categorizing your request as a commercial requester.

Since you have not met the necessary requirements for a fee waiver, we are denying your fee waiver request.

In the event you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c)), your request is deemed to constitute an agreement to pay any fees that may be chargeable up to \$25.00. Fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of

\$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.10 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and the remaining combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees in excess of \$25.00 are required, we will notify you beforehand.

This office will be providing your records on a Compact Disc (CD) for use on your personal computer. The CD is readable on all computers through the use of Adobe Acrobat software. A version of Adobe Acrobat will be included on the CD. Your records can be viewed on your computer screen and can be printed onto paper. Only records 15 pages or more are eligible for CD printing. To request your responsive records on paper, please include your control number and write to the above address Attention: FOIA/PA Officer, or fax them to (816) 350-5785.

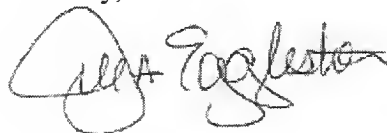
USCIS no longer collects Social Security Numbers in connection with FOIA or PA requests. When forwarding to us any documents related to your request, please ensure any Social Security Numbers on the documents are blanked out or removed.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

You may check the status of your FOIA request online, at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Click on "FOIA Request Status Check" located on the left side of the web page under "Other Services", and follow the instructions. If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or petition, please call The National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. Please be aware that the National Records Center no longer accepts FOIA/PA related questions directly by phone.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, or sent by fax to (816) 350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related requests to our e-mail address at [uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Eggleston", written over a horizontal line.

Jill A. Eggleston  
Director, FOIA Operations